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**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday, July 21, 2011**

**OPEN-SESSION**

**The OPEN Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Jonathan Mundy, Chairperson.**

**Members Present**

**Jonathon Mundy (Chairman), Chris Albanese (Secretary), Karen DiStefano, Richard Hathaway,  
Susan DelMonico, Michael Cacchiotti, Kelly Orr**

## **Members Absent**

**Kathleen Kettle**

## **Staff Present**

**Catherine Cordy, Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips, Pamela Schultz**

**(Additionally, two staff members were present for New Business:  
Bruce McIntyre and Steve Morris)**

## **Call to Order**

**Chairman Jonathon Mundy called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.**

## **1.0 MINUTES**

**The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on June 16, 2011  
were reviewed. Karen DiStefano**

**moved that the minutes be approved. Richard Hathaway seconded  
the motion. The motion carried  
on unanimous consent.**

## **2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

## **Issued Pharmacy Licenses – As Attached**

**A list of new pharmacy licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by**

**Richard Hathaway and seconded by Chris Albanese, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.**

### **3.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**Regulatory Review-Pharmacy Technician Regulations: Proposed changes to regulations pertaining to technicians were reviewed by the Board. Changes included that newly licensed technician II's would be required to pass a nationally-recognized certification examination acceptable to the Board, including, but not limited to, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE) or the Institute for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians "ExCPT" examination. Technician II's shall maintain certification with PTCB or EXCPT in order to renew said license. A motion was**

made by Susan Delmonico to accept proposed changes to the technician regulations.

Motion was seconded by Karen DiStefano and passed unanimously.

#### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**Utilization of Dispensing Robot for Automated Cartfill-Final Check Waiver: Brian Musiak**

from Westerly Hospital came before the Board to explain how the automated PROmanager by McKesson works and request a Final Check waiver. After discussion, it was decided by the Board that no waiver was required.

**Physician Dispensing: -Oncology/Monoclonal Antibody Compounding  
-Automated processing-dispensaries**

Cathy Cordy and Patrick Kelly visited a number of physician offices where compounding is taking place. Cathy and Patrick reported that the level of care varies greatly among different locations.

Patient safety may be a concern due to such disparities among different office compounding sites

and the possibility of some of the compounding ingredients perhaps originating from outside of the U.S. from non-FDA approved suppliers.

Cathy, along with Bruce McIntyre, also spoke regarding automated dispensaries in some doctor's offices. Bruce mentioned that most small practices cannot afford to install and maintain such expensive dispensaries and that only a limited number of large practices or clinics have them. Cathy mentioned that some of the sites have large automated dispensaries that contain a large number of various medications.

Cathy, Bruce and the Board members agreed that it would be in the best interest of patient safety for the Pharmacy Board and the Medical Board to set up a joint committee to review the regulations pertaining to the above mentioned sites so as to better standardize the level of practice and care performed by these sites.

## **5.0 PIC APPEARANCES:**

**The following new Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) appeared before the Board of Pharmacy to receive advice from Board members and also receive a current copy of Rules and Regulations governing the practice of Pharmacy in Rhode Island:**

**Kathy Clemens, CVS Bristol**

**Elizabeth Osoria, CVS Providence**

**Zarouhi Vartanian Hajinian, CVS Warwick**

## **6.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job**

**performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses;**

**and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals**

**have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an**

**OPEN meeting.**

**Richard Hathaway made a motion to close the OPEN Meeting and adjourn to CLOSED Session**

**in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Chris Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**The OPEN Meeting session adjourned at 10.05 a.m.**

## **7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Richard Hathaway made a motion to reopen the OPEN Session. The motion was seconded by**

**Chris Albanese. The motion carried on unanimous consent. The Board returned to OPEN Session at 3:00 p.m.**

## **8.0 FINAL ACTIONS**

**None**

## **9.0 ADJOURN**

**Being no other business before the Board, Karen DiStefano made a motion to adjourn**

**the meeting at 3:02 p.m. Chris Albanese seconded the motion. The**

**motion**

**carried on unanimous consent.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Chris M. Albanese**

**Chris M. Albanese, R.Ph.**

**Secretary, Board of Pharmacy**